

MERCER AWARD FOR 1979

Jane Lubchenco and Bruce Menge

The George Mercer Award is presented annually in recognition of the year's outstanding publication in ecological research. The Award for 1979 goes to Drs. Jane Lubchenco and Bruce A. Menge for their paper entitled, "Community Development and Persistence in a Low Rocky Intertidal Zone" which appeared in *Ecological Monographs* **48**:67-94, 1978. Their research has demonstrated the scope and intricacy of the physical and biotic interactions which influence marine succession, and the importance of herbivory and predator-prey relationships in determining the structure and stability of a rocky shore ecosystem. The nature of their work required especially meticulous and persistent field study as well as insight into a variety of ecological processes.

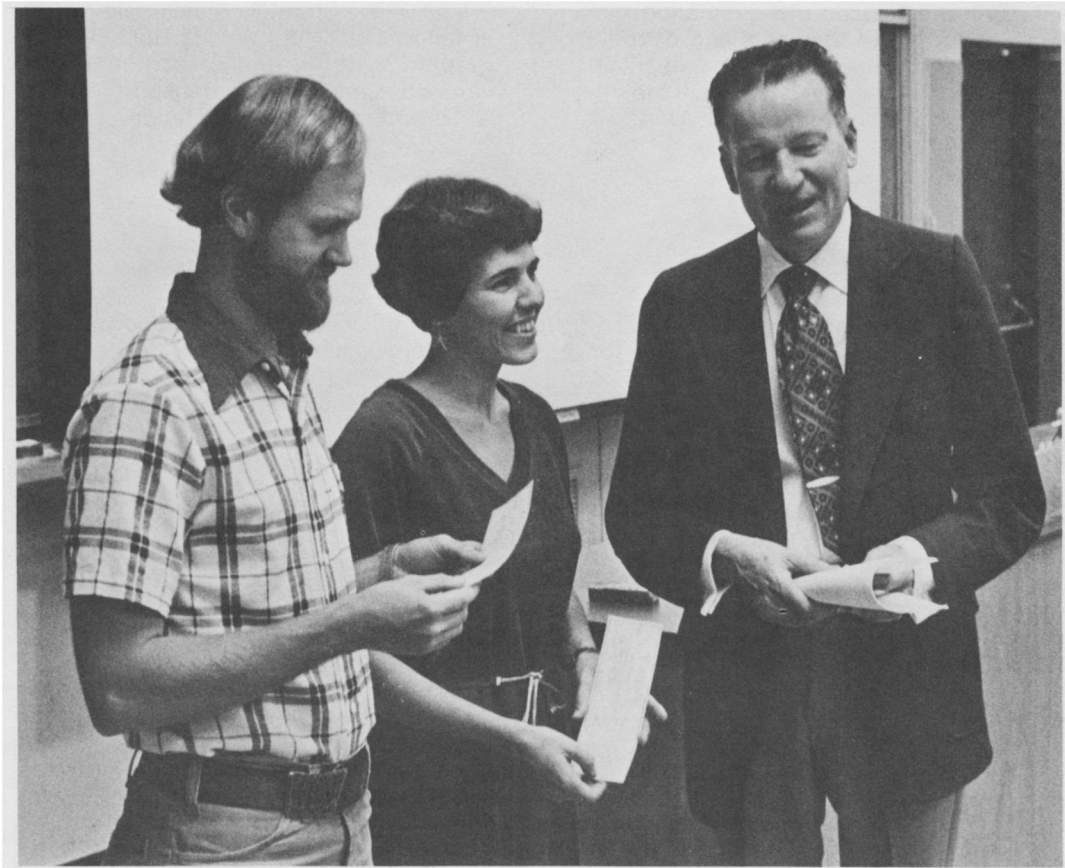
Dr. Jane Lubchenco is Assistant Professor of Zoology, Oregon State University. Her research interests are in evolutionary

population and community ecology. Her current NSF-supported research grant involves experimental studies of community organization in a tropical rocky intertidal community.

Dr. Bruce Menge is Associate Professor of Zoology, Oregon State University. His research interests are in population and community ecology with emphasis on the effects of biological interactions, causes of community organization, foraging strategies of predators, and reproduction strategies. He is currently co-principal investigator with his wife on the research grant previously mentioned.

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Mercer Award winners Bruce Menge and Jane Lubchenco with Oregon State University President Robert W. MacVicar (right).